Title : Need to bring necessary legislation to preclude Wakf Boards' claims in regard to Taj Mahal and other National Monuments in the Country.

14.17 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at seventeen minutes past

Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, we will take up Item No. 14 - 'Matters under Rule 377'. Kunwar Manvendra Singh Please. First you go to your seat.

(i) Need to bring necessary legislation to preclude Wakf Boards' claims in regard to Taj Mahal and other National Monuments in the country

KUNWAR MANVENDRA SINGH (MATHURA): The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Wakf Board has recently declared the Taj Mahal as a Wakf property. The Wakf has not been able to properly maintain various properties under their charge. Taj is a world heritage site. Taj is also a national property. Therefore, Sir, I request the Government to take necessary steps including passing necessary legislation to preclude such claims in the case of National Monuments presently in the charge of Archaeological Survey of India.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri Kuldeep Bishnoi - not present